

March 12, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 2002

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
March 20, 2002**

		<u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Approval of February 27, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve February 27, 2002 meeting minutes.
4.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5.	<u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Approve the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

*7.	<u>Red Letter Notification</u> In June 1996, the Regional Council approved the ADOT Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential	7. Information and discussion.
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development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning, and permits. The Regional Council has allocated \$5 million per year for advance acquisition requests where needed to prevent development in freeway alignments. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications for calendar year 2001. Upon request any of the notices could be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEM

*8. Contract with Planning Technologies for Model Enhancements

The FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the Regional Council in May 2001, includes a work element to enhance the Subarea Allocation model that MAG uses for the preparation of socioeconomic projections. The Management Committee recommended contracting with Planning Technologies to enhance the model. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Approval to contract with Planning Technologies to provide socioeconomic model enhancements for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

9. Regional Aviation System Plan Update and Discussion of Governor's Executive Order to Establish an Advisory Council on Aviation

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and in accordance with FAA regulations, MAG conducts regional aviation system planning. This effort is directed by the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Policy Committee. Through a consultant effort, the Committee is updating the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP). Staff will provide an update on the MAG RASP and on a recent Governor's Executive Order (2002-3) to establish a Governor's Advisory Council on Aviation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

10. Options for Determining 2005 Population Information, Including Conducting a 2005 Special Census

At the February and March meetings of the Management Committee, options for determining population information for 2005 have been discussed. The mid-decade census numbers may be used in Arizona to distribute state shared revenue. Options for determining new numbers in 2005 include conducting a Special Census, or developing a survey and using an estimate, such as was done by Tucson in 1995. These options are scheduled to be reviewed in more detail at the April Management Committee meeting. Staff will provide an update to the Regional Council regarding the options being considered. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Broadcast Feasibility Study

On April 17, 2000, the MAG Executive Committee requested that MAG research the possibility of airing MAG Regional Council meetings on city-operated cable channels. The "Broadcast Feasibility Study" was incorporated into the MAG 2001 Work Program and a consultant explored a wide range of options for having MAG meetings carried on local cable channels. Due to current economic conditions, the Management Committee recommended deferring action on broadcasting MAG Regional Council meetings for at least one year. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. Legislative Update

Staff will provide a report on current transportation and air quality legislation. This will include legislation to increase the Highway User Revenue Fund bonding authority, and transportation planning and programming legislation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Information and discussion.

11. Deferral for at least one year regarding the concept of producing a summary informational feature of the MAG Regional Council meeting.

12. Information, discussion and possible action.